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LOK SABHA

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TERROR AND COMMUNAL ATTACKS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are reports of increasing incidents of terror and communal attacks in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the total number of men, women, children and security personnel killed/injured in such attacks and the estimated financial loss on this account during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;

(c) the total number of persons arrested and the action taken against them alongwith the cases solved/unsolved and action taken to solve all the cases during the said period, State-wise; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to stop such cases in future?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI JITENDRA SINGH)

(a) to (b) : No Madam. As per the available inputs, terrorist and communal attacks have decreased in the last three years.

Details of incidents and number of causalities are given below:-

(i) Jammu & Kashmir

Year	No. of Incidents	No. of SFs Killed	No. of Civilians killed
2008	708	85	147
2009	499	64	78
2010	488	69	47
2011 (up to 31.07.2011)	202	19	25

(ii) North-Eastern States

Year	No. of Incidents	No. of SFs Killed	No. of Civilians killed
2008	1561	46	466
2009	1297	42	264
2010	773	20	94
2011 (up to 31.07.2011)	338	25	39

(iii) LWE effected States

Year	No. of Incidents	No. of SFs Killed	No. of Civilians killed

2008	1591	231	490
2009	2258	317	591
2010	2212	285	718
2011 (up to 15.08.2011)	1123	93	275

(iv) After the Mumbai terror attack on 26.11.2008, there was no major terrorist incident in the hinterland in the year 2009. Since 2010 as per the assessment of the Central Intelligence and State Police Agencies, terrorist action was responsible for the following two incidents of bomb blast in the hinterland, viz.,

- 13th February, 2010 − bomb blast at "German Bakery" in Pune.

- 13th July, 2011 − serial bomb blasts at Zaveri Bazar, Opera House and Dadar area of Mumbai.

Apart from the above two, in two separate incidents of firing and bomb blast on 9th Sept, 2010 near Jama Masjid, Delhi and on 7th December, 2010 at Sheetalaghat, Varanasi, responsibility has been claimed by some terrorist groups. These incidents as well as the claims are under investigation.

Lastly, incidents of bomb blasts which have been reported and are under investigation, in which no pointer/fact suggesting terrorist involvement is available, are :

- 29th March, 2010 − bomb blast at Mehrauli, New Delhi.

- 17th April, 2010 − bomb blast at Chinnaswamy Stadium, Bangalore.

- 25th May, 2011 − bomb blast near High Court in Delhi.

In these terrorist incidents/bomb blasts, as per available information, in all, 45 persons were killed and 236 persons were injured.

(v) Incidents of Communal Attacks during the last three years:-

Year	No. of Incidents	No. of persons Killed	No. of persons killed
2008	656	123	2272
2009	773	123	2417
2010	651	114	2115
2011 (up to 31.08.2011)	338	53	1059

(c): The data regarding financial losses, number of persons arrested and number of cases solved/unsolved are not centrally maintained as Law and Order is the State subject as per the VII Schedule of the Constitution.

(d): In order to deal with the terrorism, Government has taken various measures which inter-alia, include establishment of NSG hubs at Chennai, Kolkata, Hyderabad and Mumbai; empowerment of DG, NSG to requisition aircraft for movement of NSG personnel in the event of any emergency; strengthening and re-organizing of Multi-Agency Centre to enable it to function on 24x7 basis for real time collation and sharing of intelligence with other intelligence and security agencies; tighter immigration control; augmenting the strength of Central Armed Para Military Forces; effective border management through round the clock surveillance & patrolling on the borders; establishment of observation posts, border fencing, flood lighting, deployment of modern and hi-tech surveillance equipment; up-gradation of Intelligence setup; and coastal security. The Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967 has been amended and notified in 2008 to strengthen the punitive measures to combat terrorism. The National Investigation Agency has been constituted under the National Investigation Agency Act, 2008 to investigate and prosecute offences under the Acts specified in the Schedule. As a part of steps to counter terrorists threats, the National Intelligence Grid (NATGRID) has been created.

The Prevention of Money Laundering Act has been amended in 2009 to inter alia, include certain offences under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, as predicate offence.

The issue of terrorism has been raised at various multilateral and bilateral fora including in the HS Level bilateral talks and in the Interior/Home Ministers meeting of SAARC. India is a signatory to all the 13 United Nations conventions and protocols dealing with international terrorism. In July 2010 India has also signed MOU with USA to Counter Terrorism. Further, in October 2010, India has acquired membership of Financial Action Task Force (FATF) which is an Inter-governmental body and whose purpose is the development and promotion of national and international policies to combat money laundering and terrorist financing.